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Juergen Reinold, et al.

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RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 18, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the final Office Action mailed December 18, 2003. The applicants herewith petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the office action, the extended period of response thereby being set to expire Monday, April 19, 2004.

Status of the Claims is reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.